

wherein the method further comprises the step of comparing a most economical time for said destination location and a most economical time for said geographic location of said subscriber unit to determine a lowest cost transmit time,

and wherein the transmitting step further comprises the step of transmitting said data message at said lowest cost transmit time.

5 5. A method as claimed in claim 2 wherein said data message is associated with a message type, and wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

requesting a communication channel from said communication system wherein the requesting step includes the step of transmitting said message type to said communication system; and

receiving an assignment of said communication channel, said communication channel having a bandwidth based on said message type, said communication channel assigned by said communication system.

6. A method as claimed in claim 5 wherein said communication channel includes a plurality of time slots within time division multiplexed (TDM) frames, and wherein said bandwidth is based on a number of said time-slots allocated per each of said TDM frames.

7. A method of sending a data message using a subscriber unit comprising the steps of:

reading a schedule and a set of personal preferences, said schedule including said data message, said set of personal preferences indicating a subscriber preferred send time for said data message, said subscriber preferred send time indicating whether to transmit said data message at a pre-scheduled time, a most economical time, or a low traffic time;

organizing said schedule by the subscriber preferred send time;

transmitting said message at said subscriber preferred send time;

receiving updates from a communication system, said updates including either low traffic times or economical times for transmission of said data message using said communication system; and

storing said updates within said subscriber unit.

8. A method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising the step of confirming the step of transmitting said data message when transmitted at said subscriber preferred send time.

9. A method as claimed in claim 8 further comprising the steps of:

receiving from said communication system a confirmation that said data message was received by a destination subscriber unit; and

displaying the confirmation for said data message.

10. A method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising the step of repeating the step of transmitting said data message at said subscriber preferred send time, when the step of transmitting is unsuccessful.

11. A method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the repeating step further comprises the step of canceling said data message after a pre-determined period of time when the step of transmitting is unsuccessful.

12. A method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising the step of recording a send time for said data message sent at said subscriber preferred send time.

13. A method as claimed in claim 7 wherein the reading step includes reading a destination time zone and wherein the method further comprises the step of determining when said destination time zone is different from originating time zone.

14. A method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising the step of receiving transmittal cost information for said data message for a service area of said communication system in which the subscriber unit operates.

15. A method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising the steps of:

storing said data message in a memory of a subscriber unit; and

retrieving said data message from said memory prior to the transmitting step.

16. A subscriber unit that sends a data message comprising:

a transceiver for receiving updates from a communication system, said updates including an optimum time for transmission of data messages;

a memory for storing said data message and a set of personal preferences that indicate whether to transmit said data message at a pre-scheduled time or at said optimum time; and

a processor for reading said data message and a set of personal preferences from said memory,

wherein said transceiver transmits said data message during said pre-scheduled time or said optimum time depending on said set of personal preferences.

17. A subscriber unit as claimed in claim 16 wherein said updates include an optimum time for each of a plurality of geographic locations served by said communication system, and

wherein the subscriber unit further comprises a second memory for storing said updates, and

wherein said processor includes means for determining a geographic location of said subscriber unit based on signals provided by said communication system; and means for evaluating said updates to determine said optimum time for said geographic location of said subscriber unit.

18. A subscriber unit as claimed in claim 17 wherein the processor includes means for reading a destination location for said data message, and

wherein said means for evaluating includes means for evaluating said updates to determine one of said optimum times for receipt of said data message at said destination location,

and wherein the transceiver includes means for transmitting said data message to said destination location at said one of said optimum times.

19. A subscriber unit as claimed in claim 18 wherein said optimum times include most economical times for at least some of said plurality of geographic locations, said most economical times including cost information, and wherein the processor includes means for comparing a most economical time for said destination location and a most economical time for said geographic location of said subscriber unit to determine a lowest cost transmit time,

and wherein the transceiver includes means for transmitting said data message at said lowest cost transmit time.

20. A subscriber unit as claimed in claim 17 wherein said data message is associated with a message type, and wherein the subscriber unit further comprises:

means for requesting a communication channel from said communication system;

means for transmitting said message type to said communication system; and

means for receiving an assignment of said communication channel, said communication channel having a band-